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In re Application of: Daniel E. Klausmeier, et al.)
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No. 09/427,299)
Filed: December 17, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: REARRANGEABLE SWITCH HAVING)
A NON-POWER OF TWO NUMBER OF)
PHYSICAL CENTER STAGES)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

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Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior applications: Serial No. 09/427,299 filed October 26, 1999, of which Applicants rely upon for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

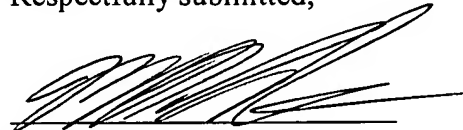
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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication***)**

		Steinar Andresen, "The Looping Algorithm Extended to Base 2 Rearrangeable Switching Networks", IEEE Transactions on Communications, vol. Com-26, No. 10, October, 1977
		J. Y. Hui, "Switching and Traffic Theory For Integrated Broadband Networks", Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1990, pp. 77-80

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